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Fall 2013 Graduates

MONTEREY, Calif. – Twenty-nine professionals who work in the homeland security field were awarded a [Master of Arts in Security Studies](#) September 27 from the Center for Homeland Defense and Security at the Naval Postgraduate School.

The graduates comprise professionals from law enforcement, fire safety, homeland security, public health and agencies under the Department of Homeland Security

“These graduates bring great credit to themselves and their professions. They will join the expanding network of homeland security leaders who are shaping the future of our nation,” said CHDS Director Glen Woodbury.

Three graduates earned special honors:

- Dan Cain earned the Outstanding Thesis award. His thesis was titled “[Situational Awareness using Crowdsourced #Disaster Epidemiology: Three Cases of Twituational Awareness](#).” Cain is employed as an Industrial Hygienist, Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Portland, Oregon.
- Daniel W. O’Connor earned the Curtis H. “Butch” Straub Award, which is based on grades, thesis and classroom leadership. The honor is in memory of one of CHDS’ founders. O’Connor is employed at the National Emergency Management Division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.
- Judson Dengler earned the Philip Zimbardo Award. This award honors a student who demonstrates the best understanding of the psychological aspects of terrorism and whose performance in the master’s program best embodies the highest levels of academic achievement. The honor is named after Stanford University psychologist and professor emeritus Philip Zimbardo, who also formerly taught at CHDS. Dengler is Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C.

Graduates include:

- William Abbott, Assistant Fire Chief – Administrative Services, Tempe Fire Department, Tempe, Arizona
- Chad Baker, Task Force Officer- FBI Los Angeles JTTF, Orange County (California) Sheriff's Department
- Catherine Bernstein, Senior Counsel, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Mather, California
- Fred Bordallo, Police Chief, Guam Police Department, Tiyan, Guam
- Dan Cain, Industrial Hygienist, Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Portland, Oregon
- David Clarke, Sheriff, Milwaukee County (Wisconsin) Sheriff's Office
- Jeffrey Cole, Captain, Denver Fire Department
- Michael Dayton, Chief Deputy Director, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Mather, California
- Judson Dengler, Assistant to the Special Agent in Charge, Department of Homeland Security/U.S. Secret Service, Washington, D.C.
- Susan Dixon, Program Planner, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Johnston, Iowa.
- William Dwyer, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Coast Guard, Juneau, Alaska
- Gregory Eaton, Recovery Division Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Denton, Texas
- Stacy Gerlich, Captain/Paramedic, Sherman Oaks, California
- Jason Huerta, Deputy Inspector, New York City Police Department
- Maria Lipscombe, Acting Program Manager, Agriculture Policy and Planning, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Washington, D.C.
- Bryon Marsh, Science Officer, 4th CST-WMD, Dobbins ARB, Georgia
- Margaret Muhr, Emergency Services Manager, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Palm Springs, California
- Jeffrey Nelson, Captain, Contra Costa County (California) Sheriff's Office
- Daniel O'Connor, National Emergency Management Division, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.
- Kimberly Owens, Lieutenant, Dallas (Texas) Police Department
- Kimberly Peterson, Captain, Fremont (California) Police Department
- Jonathan Pistilli, EMS Division Chief/EMS Manhattan Borough Commander, New York City Fire Department
- Brian Ravert, Captain, Amtrak Police Department, Philadelphia
- Richard Wayne, Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Denton, Texas
- William Shulz, Assistant Director, Recovery, Arizona Division of Emergency Management, Phoenix, Arizona
- Teresa Smith, Supervisory Management and Program Analyst, Department of Homeland Security/Customs Border Protection Office of Administration, Washington, D.C.
- Michael Touchstone, Fire Paramedic Services Chief, Philadelphia Fire Department
- Patrick Walsh, Captain, Portland (Oregon) Police Bureau

(NOTE: One graduate is not listed for security purposes.)

